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Minutes 12/10/2009

Arlington Recycling Committee **Minutes 12/10/09 Meeting**

Attendees: Gordon Jamieson (Co-Chair), Juli Brazile (Co-Chair), Ruth Yannetti (APW), Nigel Kraus, Adrian Wheelock, Katrina Rideout, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Solid Waste Update: Gordon, using the WM report for Nov, reported that the SW monthly rate continues to decrease although the running yearly rate leveled off. The recycling rate, not including yard waste, is 17% so far for FY10. Including yard waste diversion running ca. 35%

Community Collection Day: Gordon reported that despite the heavy rain, the collection was very successful. Thanks to many canopies, many people stayed dry. Residents voiced their appreciation both verbally & by email.

Recycling Plant Field Trip Report: Pete reported that he, Anneli & Charlotte Pierce had a good tour of E L Harvey's facility which handles pre-sorted recycled, construction debris & solid waste. The facility is busy w/ Harvey's trailer trucks coming & going. Material is sorted by a combination of mechanical & manual operations. Large bales of cardboard, paper, & plastic were stacked up ready to ship. Bins of sorted construction wood, steel, aluminum, & concrete rubble were also ready to be sold. Charlotte filmed it all.

School Recycling:

- AHS: Nigel reported that WM missed a pick up recently causing a big backup. Ruth corrected this promptly when Nigel called. Nigel to check on progress of AHS waste audit
- OTTOSON: Julie not present.
- ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Juli to check.

LABBB Initiative: Regular collections now at Town Hall, Library, AHS, Watertown Bank. Juli Brazile to contact APS Superintendent to discuss elementary school pickups. She will arrange for promotion in school newsletter.

Single Stream Holiday Cardboard Collection Promotion

Ruth reported that some residents have stopped separating recyclables from SW. Ruth will address in DPW News. Pete to design buck slip for including in a Treasurer's mailing early next year. Members suggested a simple cartoon showing a large recycling barrel & a small trash barrel w/ proper contents. Juli to discuss w/ Advocate.

Community Collection Bin Network - Management and Promotional Work

- Got Books Library Bin - Gordon to pursue
- Ottoson Abitibi bin underused - Gordon to contact Greek church and suggest sharing \$ w/ Ottoson.
- MBTA bin - (Lahey Arlington & Food Pantry concept) - Juli B. to talk w/ Patsy Kramer.

Warrant Articlees: Gordon proposed requiring private trash haulers servicing town businesses to offer recycling per suggestion made by Ruth earlier this year. This might involve a Health Department permit. No definite decision.

Next mtg – Thu Jan 14th